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Application of:)
Mark TUOMENOKSA et al.)
Application No.: 09/832,339) Group Art Unit: 2135
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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in the above-identified application on February 12, 2002, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b). Stamped copies of that IDS and its accompanying Form PTO-1449 are enclosed with this paper, along with a copy of the stamped postcard showing that the IDS was filed on February 12, 2002. To the undersigned's knowledge, Applicants have not received an acknowledgment that the documents listed on page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the February 12 IDS were considered by the Examiner. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 and indicate such consideration by returning the form with appropriate notations.

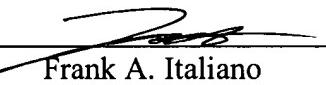
In telephone conversations on December 28, 2005, Supervisory Examiner Kim Vu indicated that she would follow up with the current Examiner regarding this matter and arrange for the Examiner to consider the documents listed on page 2 of the enclosed Form PTO-1449. As indicated to Supervisor Vu (and as indicated in the February 12 IDS), copies of the documents listed on page 2 of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 09/814,178, filing date March 22, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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In Re Application of: Mark TUOMENOKSA et al.

Serial No.: 09/832,339

Group Art Unit: 2183

Filed: April 11, 2001

Examiner:

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PARTNERS IN VIRTUAL NETWORKS

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1. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)
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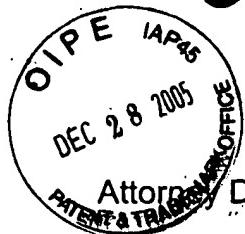
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed non-patent documents were previously submitted in a prior application, application no. 09/814,178, filing date March 22, 2001, upon which applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The listed European and U.S. Patent documents were cited in an International Search Report received from the European Patent Office in a foreign counterpart application. Copies of the listed patent documents are enclosed. Also enclosed for the

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Examiner's convenience is a copy of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

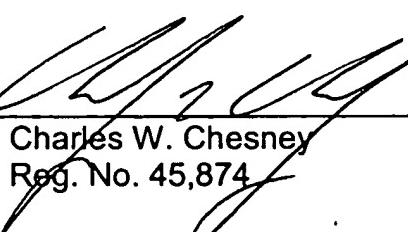
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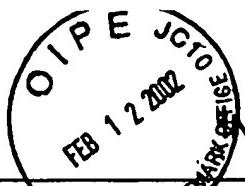
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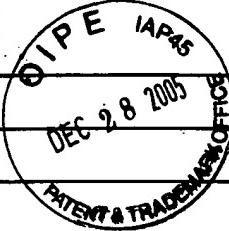

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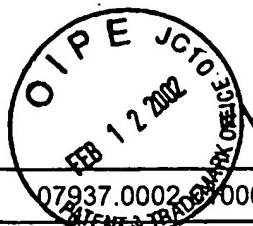
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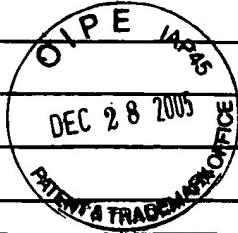
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